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SUBJECT: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972

1. SECRETARY' S REPORT WILL BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC APRIL 19. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS PROVIDE FULL TEXT OF HONDURAS SECTION. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS WILL DEAL WITH REPORT AS A WHOLE AND WITH ASPECTS OF REPORT WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA. FULL TEXT OF REPORT BEING POUCHED AND TEXT OF TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FONMIN BEING SENT SEPTEL.

QUOTE-

2. ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1972, THE UNITED STATES AND HONDURAS EXCHANGED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF A TREATY BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED HONDURAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SWAN ISLANDS. THIS ACT, RESOLVING A LONGSTANDING DISPUTE OVER SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ISLANDS, WAS MARKED BY SIMULTANEOUS CEREMONIES HELD IN WASHINGTON AND ON GREAT SWAN ISLAND. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TREATY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ENTERED INTO A BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO INSURE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE METEOROLOGICAL STATION OPERATING ON GREAT SWAN ISLAND.

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3. LATE IN THE YEAR, A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT OCCURRED IN HONDURAS. THE ARMED FORCES DEPOSED PRESIDENT CRUZ, AND INSTALLED GENERAL OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, WHO PREVIOUSLY LED THE COUNTRY FROM 1963-71, AS CHIEF OF STATE FOR " A

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